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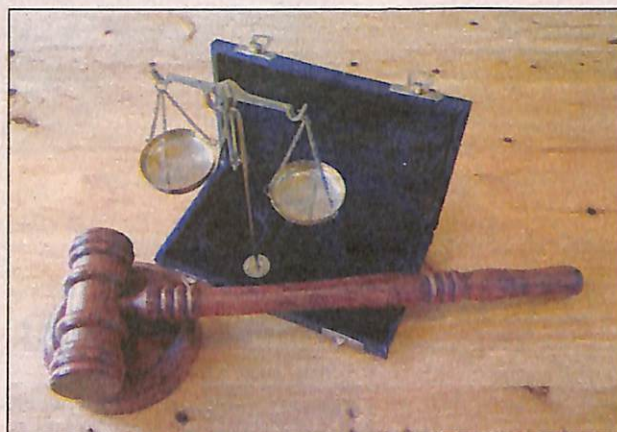
Alterations Made to Student Code of Conduct

By Alexis Clark
Staff Writer

According to the Student Conduct handbook here at Tennessee State, the code protects our student rights and enforces disciplinary policies while encouraging educational activities. Dean Gilmore, Assistant Dean of Student Conduct, and Dean Stevenson, the Assistant Vice President provided more insight about the new improvements and structural recommendations in relation to drug offenses.

"Our policies are still the same, but new strategies are being implicated into our Code of Conduct," stated Dean Stevenson. Both Stevenson and Gilmore expressed that the new plan is to help our students by getting them involved in the restitution program that is, "a rebound for first offenders."

If you are apprehended with drugs on campus, rather than receiving a misdemeanor, the program will help students get counseling. Although the repercussions vary depending on the circumstances, the overall goal is to decrease drug usage on our campus. To do so, the



Alterations have made to the student code of conduct for how drugs on campus as handled.

Office of Student Conduct has teamed up with the counseling center. Students will attend a four-hour drug and alcohol course and pay a fine, in addition to 25 hours of community service.

"To be successful you need ten points of contact," Gilmore says, elaborating more on the resources and

benefits that come along with the program. From Resident Directors, to Counselors, students will have access to dependable faculty members who provide guidance throughout the program. The result is good mentorship, more accountability and learning responsibility.

Gilmore and Stevenson both added that every case is evaluated independently, though some things are just beyond their jurisdiction.

"It depends on if the student has previous offenses, the amount of marijuana and if their drugs are being distributed," stated Stevenson.

Recently, Davidson County tried to implement a citation process for those who were caught with a small out amount of marijuana in their possession rather than an arrest, but the state legislator blocked this action. According to the Tennessee Marijuana Law on FindLaw.com, even a causal exchange of less than .5 oz. is considered a misdemeanor.

TSU is starting off on the right track this year with minor incidents involving drugs and alcohol and we hope this adjustment to the Code of Conduct will help our campus remain drug free.

Kavanaugh's Confirmation Sparks Protest and Pints

By Shayla Simmons
Editor in Chief

Protests against newly-sworn in Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh have been unrelenting and continuous, with protestors swarming Capitol Hill the day of the confirmation vote. Smaller protests were also held across the country.

The outcry against Kavanaugh increased after several women stepped forward with allegations of sexual assault against the conservative justice. The revelation gave the vote an additional meaning. Many viewed the vote as an indicator as to how the American justice system

reacts to sexual assault allegations and consequences for the accused.

Several protestors carried signs reading 'Women Must Be Heard', 'I Believe Her', and 'Kava-Nope'. Capitol Hill police arrested 164 protestors during Saturday's demonstrations, including 13 women who were arrested for shouting in the Senate galleries during the voting process.

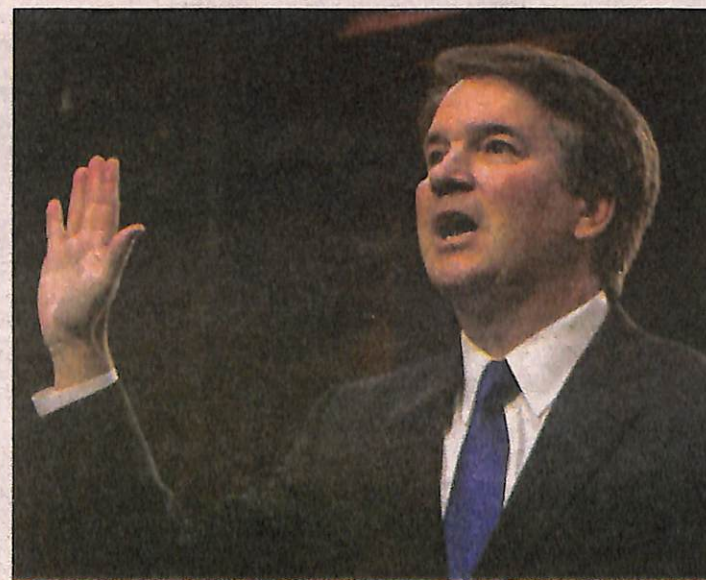
Despite the efforts of Democrats in the Senate, Kavanaugh was confirmed for the Supreme Court in a 50-48 vote on Saturday, Oct. 6. This narrow margin has made this vote the tightest election for a Supreme Court nominee in 137 years (second only to the 24-23 vote of former justice

Stanley Matthews in 1881).

Conservative voters celebrating Kavanaugh's swearing in took to the Internet to post images of them drinking under the hashtags '#BeersForBrett' and '#BubblyForBrett'.

The hashtag alludes to the hearing launched in response to Christine Blasey Ford's allegations that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her while both were in high school. During the hearing, Kavanaugh referenced beer several times.

The outcome is a major victory for Republicans as the confirmation sets a conservative majority in the Supreme Court for the foreseeable future.



Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh

NEWS BRIEFS

Soccer Star Cristiano Ronaldo Faces Rape Allegations



Cristiano Ronaldo

Portuguese soccer player, Cristiano Ronaldo has been sued and accused of raping a woman named Kathryn Mayorga in a Las Vegas hotel in 2009, as reported by CNN. Mayorga's lawsuit states that she was forced to sign a nondisclosure agreement and received a settlement of \$375,000 for her silence.

The Juventus player has denied these accusations, calling them "fake news" in an Instagram live post on Sept. 28. He went on to say "They want to promote by my name. It's normal. They want to be famous -- to say my name. Yeah but it's part of the job." In the wake of the accusations, Juventus Football Club's shares have dropped 10%.

Der Spiegel, an online German news publication, first reported the story in 2017. Las Vegas police reopened the criminal investigation last month.



Former Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke

Chicago Officer Found Guilty of Murder for Shooting Laquan McDonald

Former Chicago police officer, Jason Van Dyke, has been found guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, which took place in 2014. The officer has also been found guilty of 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm. He was found not guilty of an official misconduct charge.

Van Dyke has been denied bond and is scheduled for sentencing on Oct. 31. He is facing between four and 20 years in prison with the possibility of parole for the murder conviction. The convictions of aggravated battery convictions carry a sentence of six to 30 years with no possibility of parole.

The police union and Chicago Fraternal Order of Police have already announced plans to appeal the convictions.

Lawsuit Slams LaCroix Sparkling Water Ingredients

The popular sparkling water brand LaCroix, which claims to be all-natural, has been accused of using synthetic ingredients in a class action lawsuit filed by law firm Beaumont Costales on behalf of Leonora Rice.

CBS Philadelphia reports the lawsuit, filed against parent company National Beverage Corp., claims that tests reveal that the beverage contains ingredients the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) identifies as synthetic, therefore "intentionally misleading consumers." National Beverage Corp. denies the allegations.

Ingredients listed in the lawsuit include limonene, which can cause kidney toxicity and tumors; linalool propionate, which is used to treat cancer; and linalool, which is used in cockroach insecticide," the lawsuit states.



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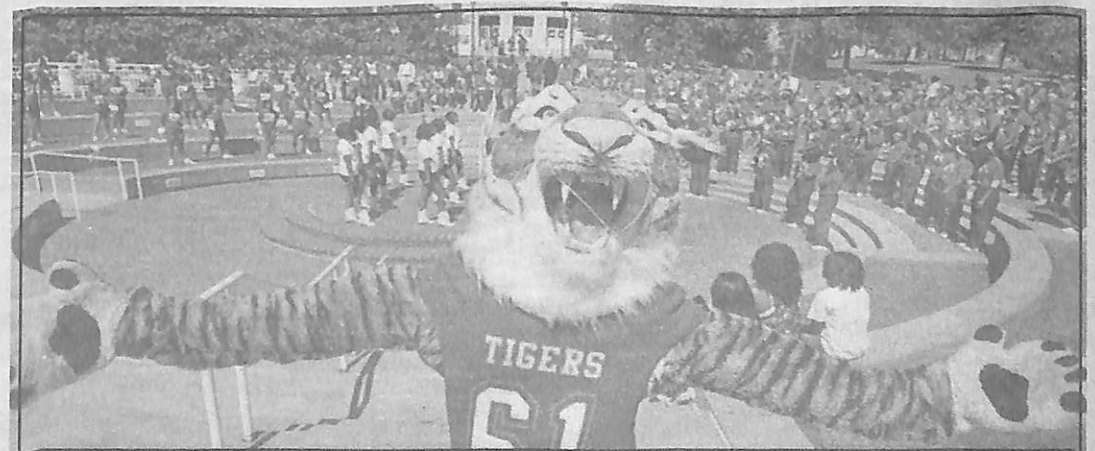
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OPINION

The Age of the Unnatural Killer

By Zachary Jones
Staff Writer

On Aug. 26, 2018, Taylor Robertson and Elijah Clayton were gunned down while participating in a Madden tournament in Jacksonville, Florida. David Katz, a fellow participant, who injured 11 other attendees before taking his own life, killed the two. A direct motive was never found on why Katz opened fire at the EA Madden tournament, but his early elimination is believed to be a key element in what motivated the young man to carry out the shooting.

The shooting in Jacksonville follows the disturbing trend of gun violence in the United States that shows no apparent signs of stopping. The weekend that

the events in Jacksonville were unfolding were the same weekend that Senator John McCain passed, and subsequently the shooting quickly dissipated in the weeks following the initial event. It's impossible to say whether the shooting was in fact overshadowed by the Senator's death or not, but the fact that the events ceased to exist so quickly in the media and public consciousness is extremely noteworthy.

It shows a fatigue. In the time since the shooting in Jacksonville, a young woman named Snochia Mosely entered her place of work and killed three of her fellow Rite Aid warehouse employees and injured three others before taking her own life. The shooting took place in Aberdeen, Maryland on Sept. 20, and it is the second mass shooting in the state

this year. The fatalities of the Aberdeen shooting were Brinda Giri, Sunday Aguda, and Hayleen Reyes. Just like the Jacksonville shooting, the massacre quickly receded into the back of public consciousness and daily life continued.

The September shooting marks the fifth to make national news this year, and Oct. 1 marks the one-year anniversary of the Las Vegas Shooting, the current bloodiest shooting in U.S. history. One would think that the death 59 civilians and the injury of over 300 others would be enough for some sort of substantial response, but this has proven not to be the case.

The answer to how to combat these tragedies is not an easy one, but it is one that needed to be answered yesterday. It needed to be answered months ago,

when Jerrod Ramos entered the Capital Gazette and killed five writers. It needed to be answered when Travis Reinking entered a Waffle House and killed four people before James Shaw Jr. wrestled the gun out his hands, and it needed to be answered when Nikolas Cruz killed seventeen high school students and then simply walked out of the building after committing the atrocity.

Even with all those unnatural deaths, a definitive action has yet to be taken to end these tragedies by our governing officials. Perhaps another shooting that can eclipse the previous ones in its death toll will be the one deserving of an answer. Until then, we will simply hold our breaths in morbid anticipation for the next American bloodbath to grace our newsfeed.

Excuse Me Mr. West, Mr. West?

EDITORIAL
By Shayla Simmons
Editor in Chief



If you've consumed even the minutest amount of pop culture in the last few years, at some point you've heard about rapper Kanye West's transformation into a belligerent, uninformed public figure for what can only be described as confusion. In a recent tweet from Oct. 3, directed towards ex-NFL player Colin Kaepernick,

West urges him to reach out to President Trump to "have a dialogue not a diatribe." It's an ironic statement considering his actions.

The court of public opinion has come to establish West as a lost cause for the Black community. He's "in the sunken place" some would say. After all, how did we go from "George Bush doesn't care about Black people" to defending MAGA (Make America Great Again) hats as a representation for "good and America becoming whole again." (In the same Instagram post, West also called for abolishment of the 13th amendment, which eliminated slavery in the United States.)

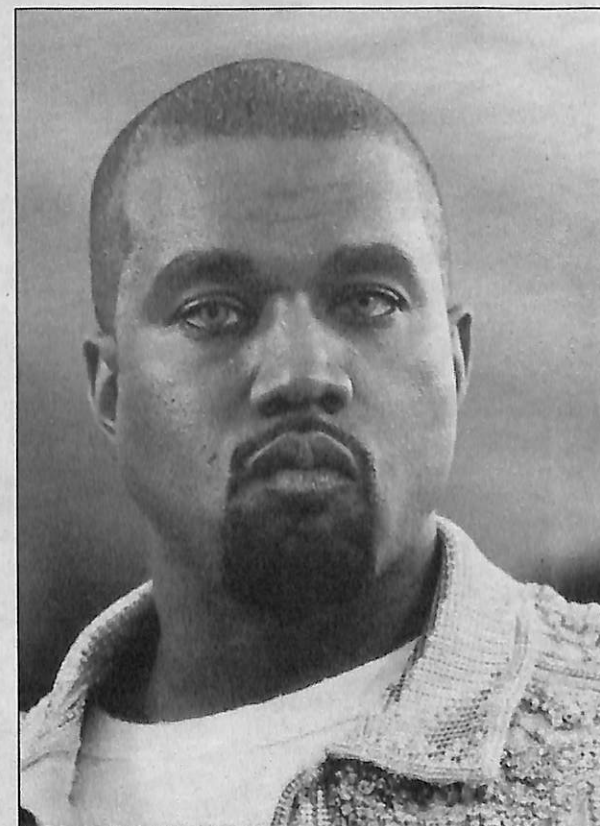
The descent into "Ye" has unfolded like a car crash in slow motion. Though you know what is coming, you can't seem to look away. This is especially dangerous in the case of West. As a pop culture icon who has amassed a substantial following throughout his musical career, his influence (and misinformation) has a

wide spread reach.

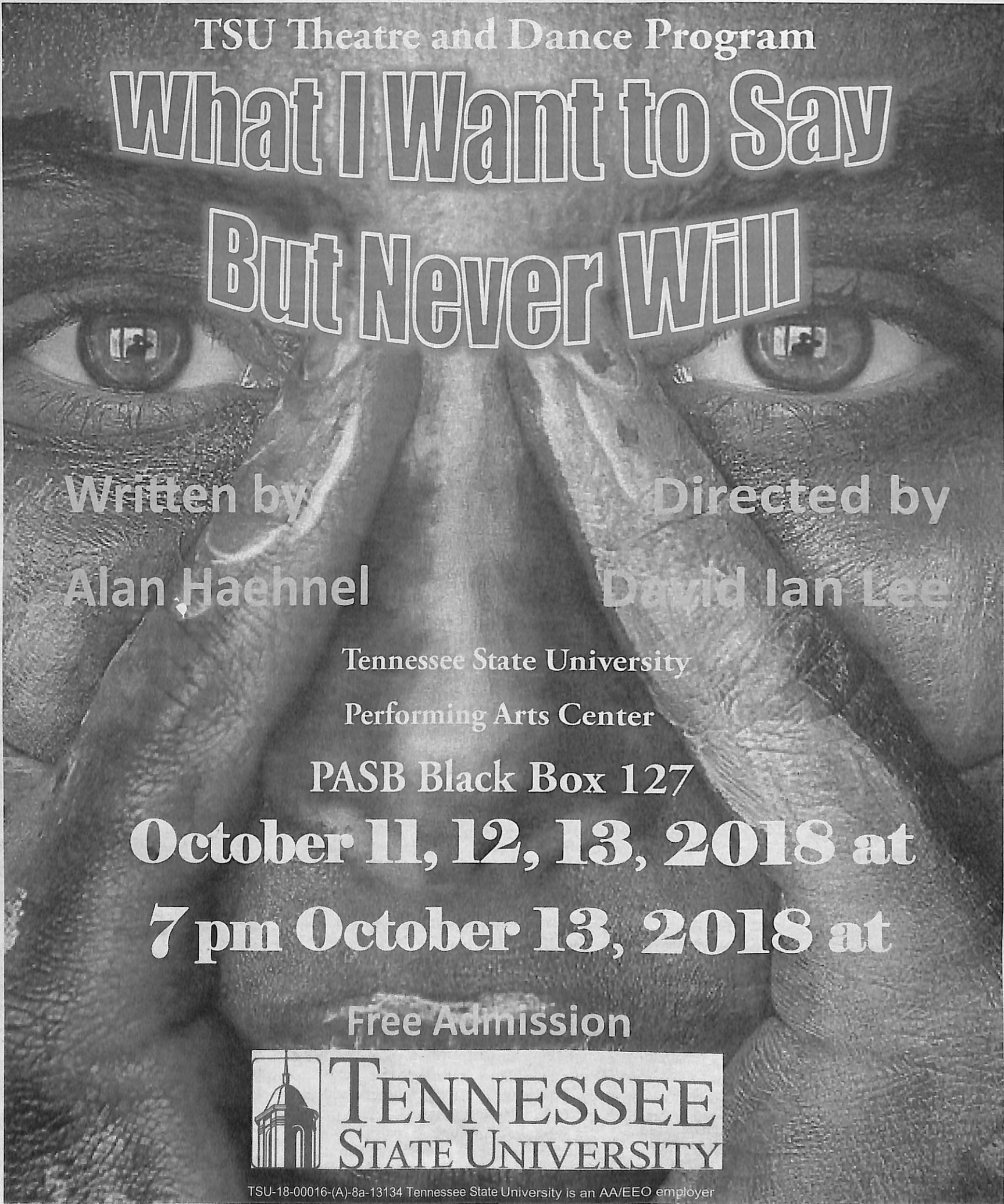
The most terrifying of all is that there seems to be no accountability for West's actions outside of social critics and unanswered comments. Within his inner circle, West's comments are unchecked despite the dangerous rhetoric he willingly supports. Even his wife, Kim Kardashian West, has been complacent, even supportive. Despite saying multiple times that she disagrees with his ideas, she continues to excuse his actions.

West's actions have consequences for the entire Black community. He has become the 'OK' that racist, white conservatives need to justify their actions against minority communities. The modern Uncle Tom wears a Perrier-esque bottle costume, masking ignorance with declarations of "love".

Anything is possible when it comes to politics. But I hope the future does not see West 2020.



Kanye West



TSU Theatre and Dance Program

What I Want to Say But Never Will

Written by
Alan Haehnel

Directed by
David Ian Lee

Tennessee State University

Performing Arts Center

PASB Black Box 127

October 11, 12, 13, 2018 at

7 pm October 13, 2018 at

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CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Plans Unveiled, Breaks Ground on New Health Science Building

By Jessica Johnson
Copy Editor

Tennessee State University will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a new facility that will advance the school of Health Sciences on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018 at 10 AM. The hope for the new structure is to help aid in the advancement and development of students with healthcare majors throughout the school. Tennessee State University President, Glenda Glover also hopes that this infrastructure will increase retention rates and motivate the students to graduate.

Images of the architectural designs were released earlier this year in April and displayed a beautiful modernized structure with a wide range of space. The construction project is already funded and is estimated to cost \$38.8 million. The completion date is projected to be 2020.

Health science majors at TSU expressed positive comments about the building of the structure.

Track and field athlete and current junior, Amani Taylor said, "Even though it'll be done after I graduate I think it's a really good idea because most majors on campus have their own designated building and we, as health science majors, share our building with the graduate programs at the AWC.

She continued to speak on the importance of having their own area designated for just their specific majors saying, "It's hard making appointments and going down there to get our schedules together and I really only see my advisor twice a year because she's at the downtown campus. So, I think that building a building where all health science majors can congregate would be nice, because I don't know many health science majors out of my teammates."

"With the creation of a health science building, this would be a great opportunity for health science majors. Because health science majors now have a centralized place to come together, they will now have a place to go to get information on internships/ job opportunities that are specific to health science majors. I've missed out on a lot of internship opportunities because a lot of the them go straight

to the downtown campus health science department, so the health science students don't hear about them," commented athlete and junior health science major, Ken-

nedie Hudson.

In general, many of the health science majors on the campus feel that the development of this building will go on

to help future health science majors be unaffected by current issues. The arrival of a new health science building is highly anticipated.



Rendering of the Health Sciences building

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Homecoming 2018

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

3:00 P.M. — Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest Floyd-Payne Campus Center, Robert N. Murrell Forum Cost: Free and open to the public Contact: Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell / dflorence@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5755

6:00 P.M. — Gospel Explosion Kean Hall Gymnasium Cost: Free and open to the public

Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

8:00 P.M. — Block Party Amphitheater Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

11:00 A.M. — Courtyard Old Courtyard Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

7:00 P.M. — Like Show Floyd-Payne Campus Center, Kean Hall Gymnasium Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00 P.M. — Blue Sapphire Awards Administrative Lawn Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00 A.M. — Official Announcement of New Coed Residence Hall Strange Performing Arts Building Lawn Contact: Dr. Curtis Johnson / johnsonc@tnstate.edu / 615.963.1489

11:00 A.M. — Research Showcase sponsored by AARP Research and Sponsored Programs Building, Room 163 Cost: Free and open to the public Contact: Ms. Phyllis Danner / pdanner@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7631

7:00 P.M. — Coronation of Mr. TSU & Miss TSU Kean Hall Gymnasium Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

9:00 P.M. — The TSU Formal Kean Hall Gymnasium Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 A.M. — Ralph Boston Golf Outing

Ted Rhodes Golf Course Cost: \$125 per person; \$500 per team Contact: Mr. Ben Northington / bnorthington@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5522

10:00 A.M. — Official Ground Breaking for New Health Sciences Building Hankal Hall Courtyard Contact: Dr. Curtis Johnson / johnsonc@tnstate.edu / 615.963.1489

11:30 A.M. — President's and Legacy Societies Luncheon (By invitation only based on 2017-18 President's Society and Legacy members) Contact: Mrs. Betsy Jackson Mosley / bjackson33@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7756

10:00 A.M. — Official Ground Breaking for New Health Sciences Building Hankal Hall Courtyard Contact: Dr. Curtis Johnson / johnsonc@tnstate.edu / 615.963.1489

2:00 P.M. — Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. Symposium Floyd-Payne Campus Center, Robert N. Murrell Forum Contact: Ms. Sharon Smith / ssmith22@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7401

4:00 P.M. — Mr. & Miss TSU Reception (By invitation only) President's Home Contact: Ms. Ariel Wells / awells5@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5644 Mrs. Barbara Murrell / bmurrell@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5147

4:00 P.M. — Homecoming Class Reunion Registration Celebrating classes: '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, and '13 Cost: \$95 per person / www.tnstate.edu/alumni/reunions Contact: Ms. Sonya Smith / ssmith6@tnstate.edu / 615.936.2936

6:30 P.M. — Agriculture & Home Economics Hall of Fame Reception and Induction Celebration Sheraton Music City Hotel 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville,

TN 37214 Cost: \$65 per person Contact: Ms. Sherry Crudup / shpatterson@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5832

7:00 P.M. — Homecoming Concert Howard C. Gentry Complex Guest Artist: Gucci Mane

Cost: \$25 Students / \$35 General Admission (In Advance) \$45 Day of Show Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

8:00 P.M. — Alumni Whiteout Party with a Splash of Blue Sheraton Music City Hotel 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 Cost: Advance Tickets: \$25 from 7/13/18-10/12/18 General Tickets: \$30 / https://tsualumniparty2018.eventbrite.com Attire: White with a Splash of Blue Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs / cgriggs@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5763

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 A.M. — Breakfast of Champions Jane Elliott Building (Women's Building) Cost: \$20 per person Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs / cgriggs@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5763

9:00 A.M. — Alumni Tiger Talk Walter S. Davis Humanities Building T.E. Poag Auditorium Hosted by Alumni Relations and Star Allen (Alumni sharing their road to success with the first-year students.) Contact: Ms. Sonya Smith / ssmith6@tnstate.edu / 615.963.2936

10:00 A.M. — Charles Campbell Fish Fry President's Lawn Cost: \$10 Contact: Mr. Dwight Beard / beardpm83@comcast.net / 615.405.9279

11:00 A.M. — TSU National Alumni Association The Official Alumni Pop Up Shop William Jasper Hale Stadium End Zone (North End) Contact: Mr. Kendrick Darts / kendric_darts@yahoo.com / 931.952.5957

11:30 A.M. — Student Pep Rally William Jasper Hale Stadium Contact: Mr. Dwight Pope / dpope@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5655

5:00 P.M. — TSU National Pan-Hellenic Step Show Howard C. Gentry Complex Cost: \$15.00 Advance, \$25 Day of Show Contact: Ms. Mon-Cheri Robinson / mbutler9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5037

7:00 P.M. — Scholarship Gala (Reception @ 6:00 p.m.) Music City Center 201 5th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203 Cost: \$150 per person; \$1,500 table of 10 / www.tnstate.edu/gala Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs / cgriggs@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5763 & Ms. Iris Ramey / iramey@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5586

8:00 P.M. — The 11th Annual "An Evening with the Alumni of Phi Mu Alpha" Venue 109 109 Cude Lane, Madison, TN 37115 Cost: \$20; Students with ID - \$10 doors open at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Mr. Darrell K. Moore / darrellkmoore02@gmail.com / 615.335.3966

9:00 P.M. — Jesse James Football Alumni Mixer Sheraton Music City Hotel 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door Contact: Mr. Jerrold McRae / mcraeje83@gmail.com / 615.491.2969

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 A.M. — Homecoming Parade 14th & Jefferson Street to 33rd & John Merritt Blvd www.tnstate.edu/alumni/homecoming/parade.aspx Contact: Mr. Steve McCrary / smccrary01@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7440

11:00 A.M. — Greek Letter Organizations Serenades & Other Activities Welton Plaza (Greek Row)

4:15 P.M. — Pre-game

4:30 P.M. — Kick Off (TSU vs. TN Tech) Nissan Stadium Cost: \$20-\$50 per person Contact: Ticket Office / 615.963.5841

9:30 P.M. — The Essence of TSU Post-game Afterfest Concert Sheraton Music City Ballroom 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 featuring Doug E. Fresh, Alexander O'Neal, Cherelle, and Joe Johnson Cost: \$40 in advance; \$50 at door Contact: Ms. Debbi Howard / debbi.howard14@gmail.com / 615.485.6683

Homecoming Week Kicks Off With Gospel Explosion

By Shayla Simmons
Editor in Chief

The highly anticipated homecoming week is right around the corner and will kick off with the annual Gospel Explosion, on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 6 PM in the Kean Hall. The event is free and open to the public, making it a must-see event for students and alumni alike.

This year's gospel concert headlines several notable entertainers in the gospel genre: Earnest Pugh, Jonathan McReynolds, and The Walls Group.

Earnest Pugh, a singer-songwriter, is a Memphis native and most known for hits like "Rain on Us", "I Need Your Glory", and "The Great I Am". His work has been nominated for several awards, including Artist of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, and Praise & Worship CD of the Year at the 2012 Stellar Awards. He is also



Singer-songwriter, Johnathan McReynolds, is one of three artists to perform at Gospel Explosion

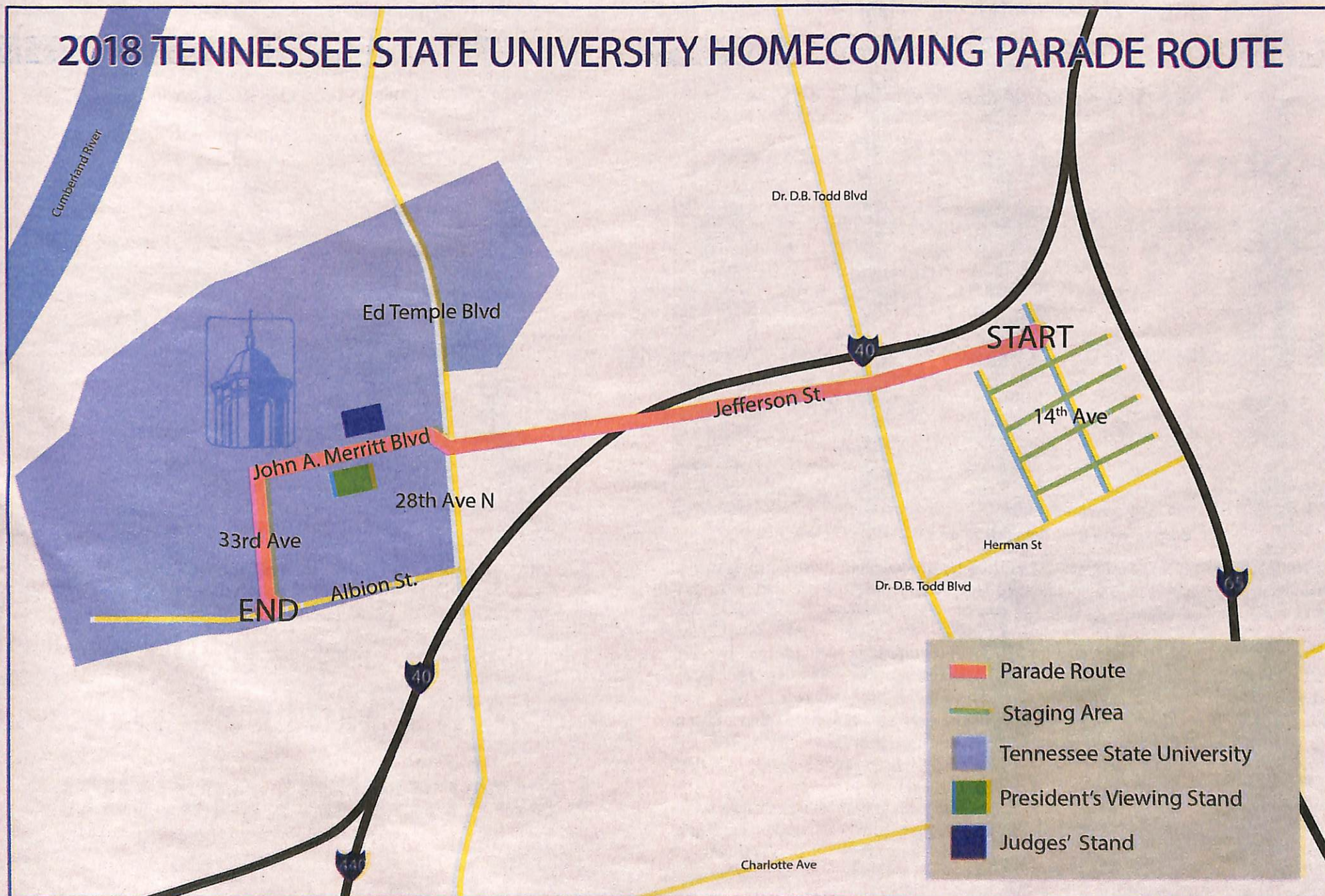
a music producer, even creating his own record label, EPM music.

Rising star Jonathan McReynolds is a newcomer to the gospel scene, having started his career in 2012. In the short time he's been professionally performing, McReynolds has released three studio albums, two of which reached No. 1 on the U.S. Gospel charts. In 2016, his second album 'Life Music: Stage 2' was nominated for Best Gospel Album at the Grammy Awards.

Singing quartet, The Walls Group, rounds out the list of performers for this year's Gospel Explosion. Consisting of two sisters, Ahjah Walls and Rhea Walls, and two brothers, Alic "Paco" Walls and Darrel Walls, the group has released two studio albums. Their song 'Love on the Radio' was nominated for Best Gospel Performance/Song in the 57th Annual Grammy Awards.

With such a talented, show stopping line up for this year's occasion, there's bound to be a packed house.

2018 TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE



Several Building Projects Have Been Scheduled to be Announced During Homecoming Week

By Leona Dunn
Staff Writer

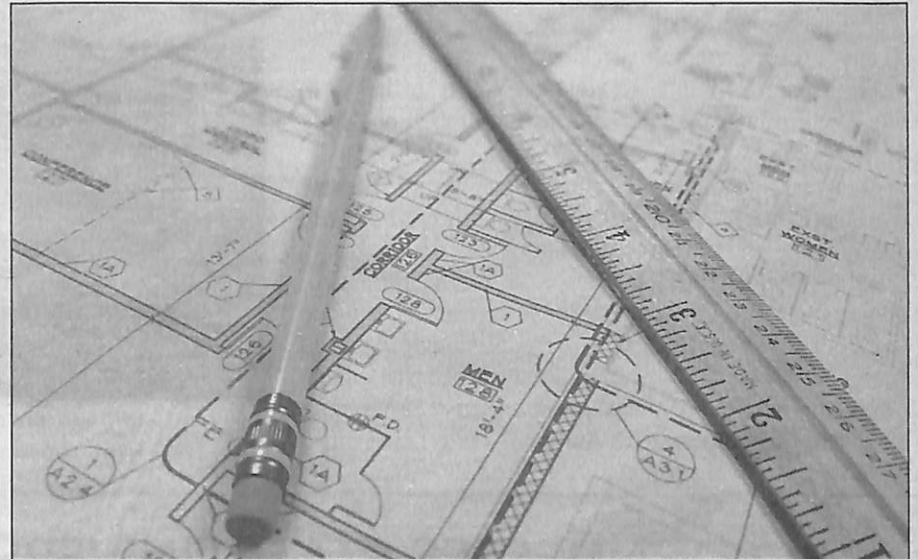
Tennessee State University will be announcing and/or breaking ground on three different projects throughout homecoming week. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Wednesday, Oct. 17, and Thursday, Oct. 18 of homecoming week, a new health science building, alumni welcome center, a new student dormitory locations will be showcased.

The dormitory will be co-ed, according to strong recommendations that have not been objected according to sources. Addi-

tional parking structures along with themes for the dorm are still being discussed.

"Various ideas have been put on the table and all possibilities will be weighed," Chief of Staff and Chair of the building projects, Curtis Johnson said, "We are trying to attempt to create facilities that are functional, attractive, and well constructed."

Student input is being assessed during these planning sessions with residence life choosing certain individuals to represent the opinions of the student population to include in listening sessions. The goal is to have these projects completed by the fall semester of the 2020.



Building plans have been made for several projects on the campus of TSU.

TSU Presents 31st Robert N. Murrell Contest



Previous winners at the Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest

By Karz Miller
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Oct. 14, Tennessee State University will host the 31st Annual Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest to kick off the 2018 homecoming events. The free event is open to the public and scheduled to take place at 3 PM. The event will be held in the Floyd- Payne Campus Center, Robert N. Murrell Forum.

The objective of the contest is for students who enter the to be creative with their writing and give a formal speech

on the pre-selected homecoming theme. The 2018 Homecoming theme is "Visions of Excellence with a Spirit of Success".

The contest is split up into two different categories, freshman and upper-classman. Both categories will have cash prizes for contestants that finish in first through third place. First place will receive \$1,200, second \$800, and third place \$500.

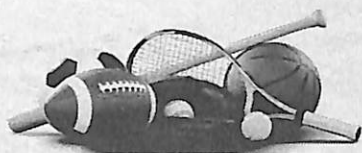
The annual contest serves as a scholarship opportunity for students and honors the long-term TSU administrator, Robert N. Murrell.

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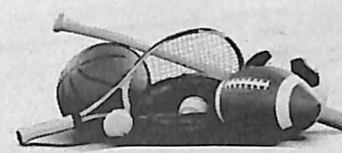


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SPORTS



Tigers Face Tennessee Tech in Homecoming Game

By Micah Williams
Staff Writer

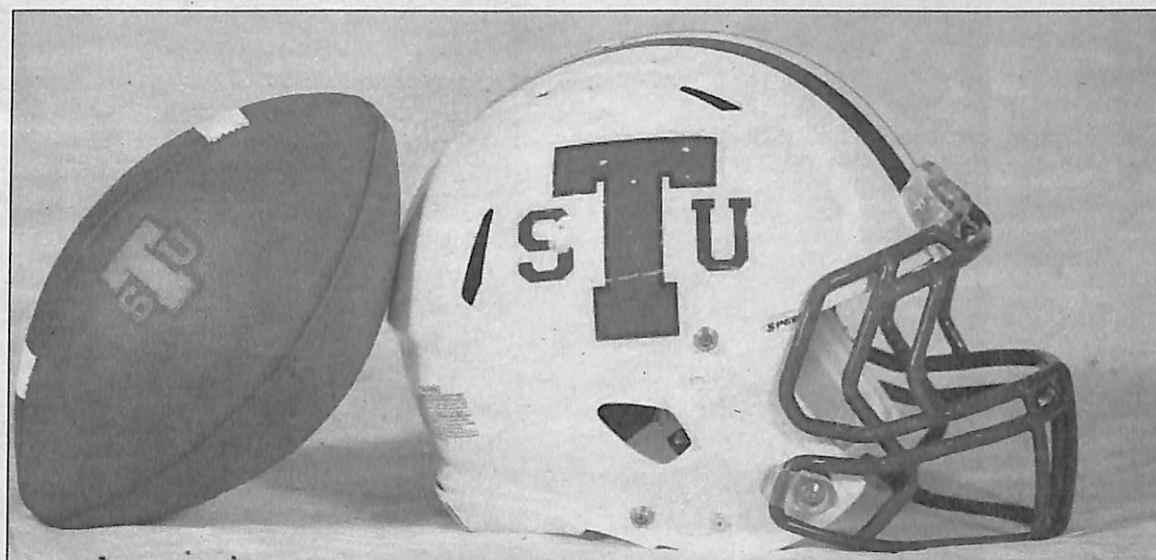
In this year's Homecoming Game, the Tennessee State University Tigers are set to play the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. The game will be one of the last events of the weeklong festivities, taking place on Saturday, Oct. 20. Kickoff is at 4:30 PM at Nissan Stadium.

With a record of 2-2, the Tigers are looking to continue the Eagles' unfortunate season, continuing their five-game losing

streak. TSU hopes to secure the win with their dominant running game.

"This is going to be a tough game. But I think we're the better team. We just have to play a tough, physical game to boost our record 3-2 and close out Homecoming with a bang," said Chris Rowland, TSU's wide receiver.

Last week, TSU suffered from a devastating loss to the Austin Peay Governors, 49-34. The Tigers are second in the OVC, behind Eastern Kentucky.



Tiger Linebacker Still in Critical Condition

By Shayla Simmons
Editor in Chief

TSU Football Middle Linebacker Christion Abercrombie is still in critical condition after he was injured in a Sept. 29 game. He is making improvement, according to parents Staci and Derrick Abercrombie in a Oct. 3 press conference. According to his mother, he has begun to respond to gospel music and has made slight hand movements. His parents, who traveled from Atlanta to watch him play, have not left his bedside since his surgery.

Abercrombie suffered a severe head injury during the game against Vanderbilt University where he collapsed on the sideline during the first half of the match up. Emergency responders available on site administered oxygen before rushing the injured player to Vanderbilt Medical Center for emergency surgery. Medical responders and the hospital's close proximity are credited for saving the player's life. There is no evidence of an impact during the Vanderbilt game



Christion Abercrombie

causing the injury.

The TSU family and Jefferson Street community rallied together in two sep-

arate prayer vigils for the Abercrombie family. Students and faculty members gathered together to show support for

the family and encourage Abercrombie in the fight for his life.

Bishop Joseph W. Walker III, Pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, prayed over Christion, the entire Abercrombie family, for a speedy recovery. Kevin Richardson, uncle of Christion Abercrombie, spoke on behalf of the family, thanking the crowd for their well wishes. President Glenda Glover and Frank Stevenson, dean of students, made appearances and addressed the crowd.

"First (Abercrombie) made it through the surgery," Glover said. "And then he made it through Saturday night. Then he made it through the 24 hours. And then through 48 hours. So as each day (goes by) he continues to show just small signs of improvement. He's fighting. Christion is a fighter, and each day when we see him raise his hand or do any little thing that shows a sign of improvement we're grateful," said Glover.

TSU created a GoFundMe to support the Abercrombie family during this time. As of Oct. 5, \$43,672 of the \$250,000 goal has been raised in four days.

Tennessee State University Theatre and Dance Program

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A Fictional Meeting Between Anne Frank and Emmett Till
By Janet Langhart Cohen

Directed by Dr. Lawrence James

November 1, 2, 3 at 7 PM 2018 and

November 4 at 3 PM 2018

General Admission \$10.00

TSU Students with ID FREE

Non TSU Students with ID \$5.00



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ENTERTAINMENT

Gucci Mane Headlines 2018 Homecoming Concert

By Shayla Simmons
Editor in Chief

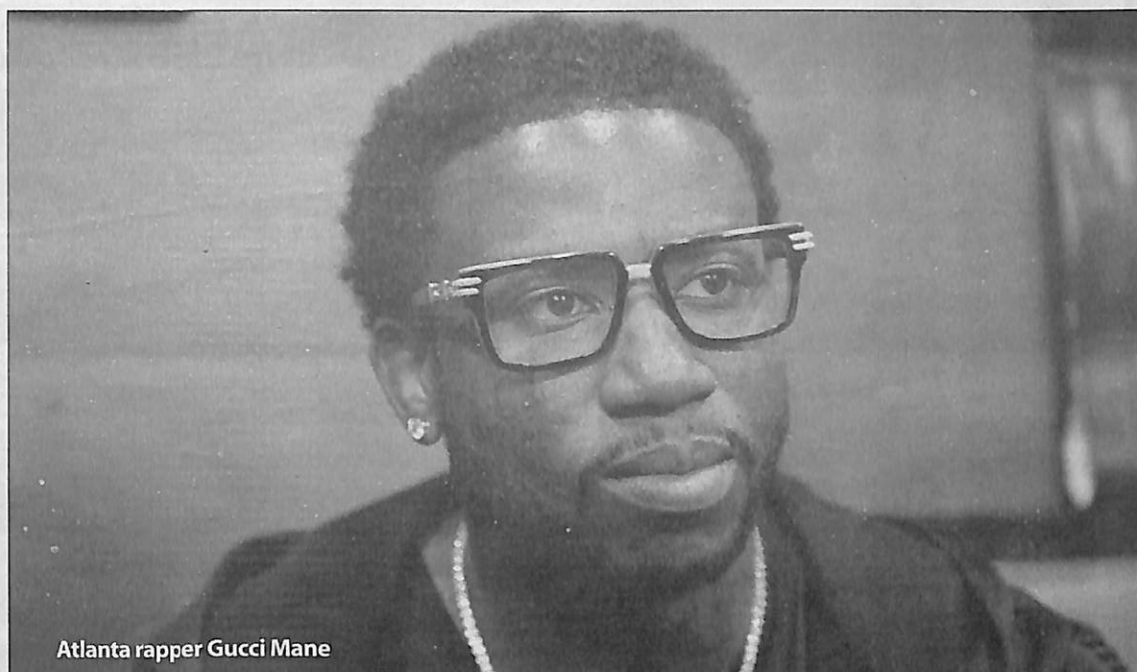
Atlanta rapper Gucci Mane is set to headline this year's homecoming concert on Thursday, Oct. 18. Known for hits like "Icy", "I Think I Love Her" and, "Lemonade", the addition of the rap music legend has raised anticipation across the campus. Rapper NBA Youngboy and R&B singers Jacquees and Layton Greene will support Gucci as part of the concert.

"I know that Gucci Mane is a really popular artist here at TSU, especially since there are so many students that are from At-

lanta. His music is going to definitely get everyone out of [his or her] seats. The other artists are pretty popular too to there's a good line up this year," said Anthony Moreland, senior Biology major.

The concert is an event hosted by both the Office of Student Activities and SUB-G.

The Homecoming Concert will take place in the Gentry Center Complex with doors opening at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at \$25 for students with a TSU I.D. and \$35 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased on ticketmaster.com or in the TSU Box Office, located in the Gentry Center Complex.



Atlanta rapper Gucci Mane

Bridgestone Arena Welcomes Popular Hip Hop Artists

By Micah Williams
Staff Writer

Nashville welcomed three popular rap artists back-to-back, creating a stir among students at Tennessee State University. On Sept. 17, J. Cole performed as part of his 'K.O.D' Tour, followed by Drake and the Migos trio in their joint 'Aubrey and the Three Migos' tour at Bridgestone Arena.

Platinum recording artist, J. Cole set fire to the stage, first, performing in front of 17,186 fans. The performance was part of his thirty-six-city North American tour. Hits from his latest album which the tour is named after, "K.O.D", as well as "2014 Forest Hill Drive", "4 Your Eyez Only", and "Born Sinner" excited screams from across the stadium.

Artists under Cole's record label, Dreamville, opened the concert. Opening acts included Earthgang, Young



J. Cole performed at Bridgestone arena Sept. 17

Thug, and Jaden Smith. The K.O.D Tour ended on Oct. 10 in Boston, Mass.

Drake and Migos also set fire to the stage in their performances. With a set list of over 50 songs between the two, the event was filled with upbeat, excitable music across a fully packed venue from the popular albums "Scorpion" and "Culture II".

The joint tour consists of 41 cities, 59 shows and is set to conclude on Nov. 18 in Atlanta.

Singer Bruno Mars also recently performed at Bridgestone Arena on Sunday, Oct. 7 and Monday, Oct. 8 as part of his '24K Magic World Tour'.

The series of concerts is testament that Music City included much more than country music.

Future artists that will be performing in Nashville include: 6LACK at Marathon Music Works on Nov. 3, Playboy Carti on Sunday, Nov. 25, at Marathon Music Works, and Childish Gambino at Bridgestone Arena on Sunday, Dec. 2.



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018-2019

Oct 12 Last day to withdraw from a course and/or the University

Oct. 14-20 Homecoming

Oct 16 Founders Day (9:00 a.m. – Kean Hall)

Oct 29 – Jan 25 Registration for Spring 2019

Nov 12 Veterans' Day (Nov. 11 – Observed on Nov. 12)

Nov 19-24 Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holiday- No Classes

Nov 26-30 Student Study Week – No Activities Scheduled

Nov 30 Last day of class

Dec 3-7 Final examinations

Dec 8 Commencement – Gentry Complex

Dec 10 Faculty must have posted all grades via "MyTSU"

Dec 24 – Jan 2 Holiday Break – University Closed

